उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : अब जो स्टेटमेंट होने वाली है उसकी ओर हम आते हैं ... (व्यवधान)

SHRI MD. SALIM : Your Department is in a better position,

SHRI M.M. JACOB : Sir, I have already answered that we have asked for the information.

The other points mantioned by Mr. Baby yesterday...(*Interruptons*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH) : Please. Now, before the House are two statements by Ministers.

Again Mr. M.M. Jacob to made a statement regarding rocket attacks in Srinagar and the situation in Doda town.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI : Statement today and clarifications tomorrow.

SHRI N.E. BALARAM : Clarifications tomorrow, not today.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH) : That is right. First take the copy of the statement.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : It may be taken as read.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : He is suggesting that it should be taken as read. Place it on the Table of the House. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI : No, no, no.

SHRI M.M. JACOB : As per the demand of the Members, this statement has come...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : But he is saying that you must read it because you might not have read it.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

I. Rocket attacks in Srinagar and situation in Doda town.

THE MINISTER OF STAT E IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : I rise to inform the House of incidents of roket attacks on Jammu and Kashmir new state Secretariat and Assembly buildings in Srinagar on 20th, July, 1992 and the situation in Doda town of the Jammu region.

The situation in Jammu and Kashmir though difficult and challenging had definitely shown a qualitative change for the better in the past few months. However, there have been renewed efforts by Pakistan and the terrorist organisations to escalate the violence. The terrorist outfits have reportedly been directed to ensure selective elimination of political leaders working for a negotiated settlement and certain threats to political functionaries in the Valley have been issued. On the other hand positive signals have also continued be discerned. Besides volunteering of information against the terrorists, inter-action between the people and the Administration has increased.

On 20th July, 1992 at 1300 hours, a rocket was fired by the terrorists at Jammu and Kashmir Assembly building at Srinagar. It caused a very minor damage to the building. After half an hour, another rocket was fired at New State Secretariat, which missed the intended target and a portion of it fell on the house of a resident near the New State Secretariat. There was no casualty. Two employees suffered minor injuries caused by passing rocket spinters and glass panes broken by concussion effect. Since the rockets were fired from a distance, very minor damage to the buildings were caused.

An incident of terrorist attack on the Security Forces and subsequent cross-firing in Doda town on 18th July, 1992 has been reported. According to the information received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, on 18th July, 1992 at 1030

hours' based on reliable information and militants were hiding in a house in Doda town, local police accompanied by a section of CRPF, under the charge of one Deputy Superintendent of Police each of Jammu and Kashmir Police and CRPF, raided the hid-out. The terrorists hurled a grenade at the raiding party in which one Sub-Inspector of Jammu and Kashmir Police, and one Head Constable of CRPF were killed on the spot. It was followed by firing by the terrorists from a few adjoining houses. The fire was returned by the Security Forces and reinforcements were mobilised. In exchange of fire, two residents of Doda died. Three CRPF personnel, and one probationary Sub-Inspector were injured. Two of the seriously injured CRPF personnel were sent to hospital at Jammu for treatment. During the exchange of fire and use of hand grenades fire also broke out affecting six houses and 28 shops in the area. Immediately thereafter help of Army already located nearby was requisitioned and curfew imposed as a preacautionary measure. The situation was brought under control and continues to be so. On July 19th, Adviser to the Governor accompanied by Director-General of Police and other officials also visited the town to take stock of the situation. Since then the curfew has been relaxed during the day time and no untoward incident has been reported.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have further informed that the reports about militants having captured or brought under their control any part of Doda town or any of the police stations and Government offices are factually incorrect and baseless.

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह) : यह जो कश्मीर के बारे में स्टेटमेंट हमारे सामने आया है, मैं समझता हूं कि इस पर बहुत कम क्लैरिफिकेशन्स हैं । अगर सदन चाहे तो इसको आज ही कर ले ।

कुछ माननीय सदस्य : कल कर लेंगे ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह) : ठीक है - एक स्टेटमेंट और है ।

Now Shri Rameshwar Thakur to make a statement regarding important concessions granted under the Income-Tax Act.

II. An important concession granted under Income-Tax Act.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : Sir, I rise to make this statement in the House in order to announce an important concession under the Incomc-tax Act.

Hon'ble Members would recall that in the Budget speech of 24th July, 1991 the Finance Minister had announced the Government's decision to set up a Foundation for providing assistance to the children of families effected by communal riots. The National Foundation for Communal Harmony has now been set up as a registered society. Apart from grant-in-aid being given by the Government to the Foundation, the Foundation will have to rely heavily on contributions from individuals and other donors. Considering the importance of the Foundation in acting as a nation-level catayst for communal harmony and also considering the nature of its activity in providing assistance to the children of families effected by communal riots. I have pleasure in announcing the Government's decision to gran 100 per cent deduction under section 80C of the Income-tax Act to donors contributing to the foundation. I has also been decided to exempt the income of the Foundation from income-tax by including the name o the Foundation in section 10(23W) the Income-tax Act.

Necessary amendments in thi regard will be made in the nex Finance Bill.